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1. WITH REGARD TO GOR'S UNINSPIRING RECORD ON DIVIDED FAMILIES AND ITS NEGATIVE IMAGE IN THE EYES OF MANY (REF A)," FOLLOWING RUNDOWN ON STATUS OF REPLIST ISSUES (QUALIFIED IMMIGRANTS, MARRIAGES, DUAL NATIONALS) AS OF JUNE 1 MAY BE USEFUL TO DEPARTMENT IN DISCUSSIONS WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND CONGRESSIONAL STAFFERS IN PERIOD BETWEEN NOW AND MFN HERINGS.

2. IN FIRSTEYFIVE MONTHS OF 1978 (JAN 1-JUNE 1), EMBASSY HAS ISSUED 201 IMMIGRANT VISAS, AND HAS PROCESSED 230 TCP CASES, 24 PAROLEES AND 83 OTHERS WHO HAD EXIT VISAS FOR THE US AND WERE ASSISTED IN DEPARTING TO THIRD COUNTRIES. IN ADDITION, RATE WOULD NORMALLY BE EXPECTED TO RISE DURING SUMMER MONTHS EVEN WITHOUT SPECAIL EFFORT GOR IS CURRENTLY MAKING. TOTAL OF 538 DEPARTURES FOR US OR OTHER COUNTRIES HANDLED BY EMBASSY IS EITHER TOO FULL (SINCE THOSE GOING TO OTHER COUNTRIES ARE NOT ALWAYS OF DIRECT INTEREST TO US) OR NOT FULL ENOUGH (SINCE IT DOES
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NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ALL ENTRIES INTO US FROM OTHER COUNTRIES OR STATUS CONVERSIONS), BUT IT IS RESPECTABLE.

3. WITH REGARD TO MARRIAGES, OF 60 CASES ON MARCH 78 REPLIST, 34 (56.7 PERCENT) HAVE ALREADY BEEN APPROVED, AND A NUMBER OF OTHERS ARE ON WAY TO SOLUTION (AS FORESEEN REFTEL B).

4. WITH REGARD TO MARCH 1978 REPLIST CASES OTHER THAN MARRIAGES, SITUATION AS OF JUNE 1 (I.E. IN TWO MONTHS' TIME) WAS AS FOLLOWS:

--OF 155 QUALIFIED IMMIGRANT CASES (384 PERSONS),
44 (106 PERSONS HAVE BEEN APPROVED, I.E. 28-PERCENT
OF THE CASES AND 27 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE;

--OF 126 DUAL NATIONAL CASES (497 PERSONS),
15 (53 PERSONS) HAVE BEEN APPROVED, AND IN TWO
CASES (4 PERSONS) THE PRINCIPAL APPLICANT HAS
DIED, I.E. 13 PERCENT OF THE CASES AND 12 PERCENT
OF THE PEOPLE.

EMBASSY ALSO BELIEVES THAT ABOVE FIGURES UNDERSTATE TOTAL
NUMBER OF PERSONS ACUTALLY APPROVED FOR DEPARTURE TO A
DEGREE, SINCE MOST OF OUR INFORMATION COMES FROM
APPLICANTS THEMSELVES, AND WHILE ALWAYS PROMPT TO REPORT
BAD NEWS THEY ARE SOMETIMES LAX IN GIVING US HHE GOOD.

5. FINALLY, WHILE THEY NEED NOT BE TAKEN AT ABSOLUTE
FACE VALUE, PASSPORT DIRECTOR GENERAL POPESCU'S MAY 18
FIGURES (REF B) ARE ALMOST CERTAINLY INDICATIVE OF
TRENDS WE CAN EXPECT OVER COMING WEEKS AND MONTHS: OF
APPROXIMATELY 920 OF OUR MARCH 28 REPLIST (AS AGAINST
AZORQ WE COUNT), 300 HAD BEEN APPROVED FOR DEPARTURE AS OF
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MAY 18, 385 HAD BEEN ALLOWED TO APPLY FOR PASSPORTS (WITH
PRESUMPTION OF APPROVAL AND DEPARTURE), 80 ARE PENDING,
135 HAVE NOT APPROACHED AUTHORITIES TO EXPRESS INTEREST
IN EMIGRATING, AND 18 ARE NO LONGER INTERESTED IN LEAVING
ROMANIA. SINCE JANUARY 1, POPESCU SAID, GOR HAD
APPROVED 750 PERMANENT DEPARTURES FOR US, 520 FOR
ISRAEL AND 3,700 FOR FRG, AND MORE ARE COMING.
IMPLICATION IS REPLIST PERFORMANCE FIGURE OF WELL OVER
TWO-THIRDS THIS YEAR.
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